

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Timothy B. Kang on 8/4/2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 16.

A system for manipulating an image on a screen, said system comprising:
a touch-sensitive screen for displaying said image;
a stylus for indicating an image point on said screen by touching said screen; and
means for generating said image on said screen, said means for generating including a zoom means for carrying out a zoom action on said image on said screen;
wherein said zoom means detects the image point indicated by said stylus on said screen, and simultaneously and repeatedly performs a zoom action on said image on said screen using said detected image point as the center of said zoom action until said zoom means detects that said stylus has been removed from contact with said screen; said zoom means continually monitors the position of said stylus on said screen; and wherein on movement of said stylus across said screen, said zoom means alters the center of said zoom action so that the center of

said zoom action follows the movement of said stylus to thereby one of continuously enlarge and reduce the image as the stylus is moved across the screen with the center of the zoom action following the movement of the stylus.

Claims 4, 9, 11-15, 18 and 19 have been cancelled without prejudice, see reply brief filed on 10/16/2006 page 2.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-3, 5-8, 10, 16-17 allowed.

An examiner's statement of reasons for allowance

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: as indicated in BPAI Decision on appeal dated May 7, 2008, the phrase "repeatedly performs a zoom action on said image until said stylus is removed" to require repeated performance of the zoom action during a single (albeit moving) contact of the stylus with the screen. Claims 6 and 16 include a similar requirement ("repeating said step of performing said zoom action until it is detected that said stylus has been removed from contact with said screen"), as does claim 17 ("moving the stylus across said screen while maintaining contact between the stylus and the screen").

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JAVID A. AMINI whose telephone number is (571)272-7654. The examiner can normally be reached on 8-4pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kee Tung can be reached on 571-272-7794. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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